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To the Public Health Committee:

Good morning, I am writing to respectfully request that you please **OPPOSE SB 477 and HB 5397.**

Respectfully, these bills are an exaggeration of what the word "health" means and essentially positions a committee to infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens in name of "prevention and intervention."

We all agree that violent crime is bad (gun or no gun), but declaring gun violence a "public health crisis" is not only an overreach of word meanings, but it will result in an overreach of government authority by those who presume the solution to gun violence is to trample the Second Amendment. Please **OPPOSE** these bills. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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